

## About Philip Emde

Philip Emde (b. 1976, Mannheim, Germany) lives and works in Cologne, Germany. Emde studied Drawing and Printmaking at the Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HWA), Hamburg under Prof. Ellen Sturm and Prof. Jovica Veljovic from 2000 to 2007. His artistic practice spans painting, installation, and artist books, often exploring narrative, humor, and the absurdities of everyday life through experimental visual strategies.

Emde's work negotiates a balance between playfulness and critical observation, creating immersive visual environments where imagery, text, and sculptural elements interact. He frequently integrates irony and storytelling into his compositions, crafting multilayered spaces that invite viewers to engage both intellectually and emotionally. Through his use of bold color, fragmented narratives, and performative elements, Emde challenges conventional boundaries between medium and content, forging a personal language that is at once humorous, provocative, and deeply reflective.

His work has been featured internationally in solo and group exhibitions across Europe, the United States, and Asia, and is included in public and private collections such as the Museum of Modern Art, New York (Artist Book Collection), the Tate Library, London (Artist Book Collection), and the Xiao Museum of Contemporary Art, Rizhao, China.

Emde has received notable grants and residencies, including the Rainer Funke Stiftung Prize (2018) and the Balmoral New York Fellowship (2013).

Emde will present for the first time in Africa with THK Gallery at the Cape Town Art Fair in February 2026.



Philip Emde. Image courtesy of Kuba Freter



Philip Emde. *Mistake Game*, 2024

## CV

### Education

2000–2007

Drawing and Printmaking, under Prof. Ellen Sturm and Prof. Jovica Veljovic  
Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (HWA), Hamburg, Germany

### Selected Public and Private Collections

- Museum of Modern Art, Artist Book Collection, New York, USA
- Tate Library, Artist Book Collection, London, UK
- Xiao Museum of Contemporary Art, Rizhao, China
- Kortmann Collection, Cologne, Germany
- FLAG Art Collection / Fuhrmann Family Foundation, New York City, USA

### Grants and Residencies

- Rainer Funke Stiftung Preis 2018, Cologne, Germany
- Residency St. Moritz Art Academy/ Marcel van Eeden, St. Moritz, Switzerland
- Balmoral New York Fellowship (Flux-Factory/Residency Unlimited 2013), New York, USA
- Residency St. Moritz Art Academy/ Thomas Gruenfeld, St. Moritz, Switzerland
- Joseph-und-Anna-Fassbender Preis 2012, Brühl, Germany

### Solo Exhibitions

2025

*5 Jahre Arbeit*, mit Stefan Marx, Ruttkowski;68, Düsseldorf, Germany  
. *True Story ...*, Stalla Madulain, Switzerland

2024

. *TwoSides .. of the Story.*, Ruttkowski;68, Paris, France

2023

. *And .. What's your Story ...*, Düsseldorf, Germany

2022

Mein Hut der hat 3 Ecken, Ruttkowski;68, Paris, France

2021

. *Bats .. Balls N Bäume ...*, Ruttkowski;68, Cologne, Germany

2019

*Cause there is Beauty in the Breakdown*. SONG SONG, Vienna, Austria  
. *Not your own Picture..*, Ruttkowski;68, Paris, France

2018

. *Emdiland..*, Ruttkowski;68, Cologne, Germany

2016

*I DON'T GIVE A F\*\*K ABOUT YOU*, Büro für Brauchbarkeit, Cologne, Germany  
*NOT YOURS*, Villa Böhm, Kunstverein NW, Neustadt, Germany

2015

*It's not the darkness I'm afraid of*, Cologne, Germany

2014

*Philip Emde hat mein Leben zerstört*, curated by Alexander Basile, SSZ Sued, Cologne, Germany

2013

*Philip Emde Destroyed My Life*, Cuchifritos Gallery, New York City, USA

2012

Only two can play this game, Galerie Chu, Cologne, Germany  
Joseph-und-Anna-Fassbender Preis, Galerie Brühl, Brühl, Germany

2011

P-mel und die Penisraketenproblematik, Galerie Nina Sagt, Düsseldorf, Germany

2010

Philip Emde hat mein Leben zerstört, Galerie Muelhaupt, Cologne, Germany

2008

Etching, Glanzkinder Gallery, Cologne, Germany

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

*Über den Zaun*, THK x DOD Gallery, Cologne, Germany  
*30 Jahre Kunstgruppe*, Salon Schmitz, Cologne

2024

*8 rue charlot*, Ruttkowski;68, Paris, France

2023

*The Cuteness Factor*, Ludwig Museum, Budapest, Hungary  
*Wonderbaarlijke Wezens*, Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, Netherlands  
*Playdate*, duo show with Susan Kahurangi King, Ruttkowski;68, New York City, USA  
*On Marvellous Things*, Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, Netherlands  
*Mixed Pickles 12*, Ruttkowski;68, New York City, USA

2022

*Mixed Pickles 10*, Ruttkowski;68, Cologne, Germany  
*DIE BRUEKE*, CFHILL x Ruttkowski;68, Stockholm, Sweden

2021

*Mixed Pickles 9*, Ruttkowski;68, Goldberg Studios, Munich, Germany  
*Loveley Creatures*, Ludwig Forum Aachen, Germany

2020

*Mixed Pickles 8*, Ruttkowski;68, Wilhelm Hallen, Berlin, Germany  
*Mixed Pickles 7*, Ruttkowski;68, Ruttkowski;68 Gallery, Cologne, Germany  
*10 Years Ruttkowski;68*, POP;68, Cologne, Germany

2019

*Mixed Pickles 6*, Ruttkowski;68, Ruttkowski Gallery, Cologne, Germany  
*Mixed Pickles 5*, Ruttkowski;68, Funkhaus, Berlin, Germany  
*#Bussi III*, Qolabo, Cologne, Germany  
*#haah25*, Galerie Hammelehle und Ahrens, Cologne, Germany  
*#haah25 Baden-Baden Edition*, Galerie Hammelehle und Ahrens, Vickermann und Stoya, Baden-Baden, Germany

2018

*Mixed Pickles 4*, Ruttkowski;68, Horbach Stiftung, Cologne, Germany  
*Mixed Pickles 3*, Ruttkowski;68, Berlin, Germany  
*Rue Charlot*, Ruttkowski;68, Paris, France

2017

*Mixed Pickles 2*, Ruttkowski;68, Micheal Horbach Stiftung, Cologne, Germany  
*Schönes Gestrüpp*, POP;68, Cologne, Germany  
*Wahnsinn*, Kunstgruppe Köln, Salon Schmitz, Cologne, Germany  
*BUSSE REROXED*, Vintage Emde, Cologne, Germany

2016

Vertical I, curated by Ruttkowski;68, Michael Horbach Stiftung, Cologne, Germany  
Papier, AK Raum, Cologne, Germany  
Vor Weihnachten nach Ostern (with Andreas Schulze), Vintage Emde, Cologne, Germany

2015

1:3 Light, Rooster Gallery, New York, USA

2014

Short List, Horst-Janssen-Museum, Oldenburg, Germany  
WHAT IF I DON'T GET ALONG WITH MY TABLE COMPANIONS, Institut, Berlin, Germany  
P-SHIRT/HIER, Hallmackenreuther, Cologne, Germany 2013  
PAPERWORK, Flux Factory, New York City, USA  
17/13, Kunstgruppe, Salon Schmitz, Cologne, Germany

2012

back for good, Frappante e.V., Hamburg, Germany

2011

MIKRO MAKRO KOSMOS, Kunstverein Germersheim, Germany  
Emy-Röder-Preis, Kunstverein Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany  
So long and thanks for all the fish, Goldwald Projekte, Neustadt an der Weinstraße, Germany  
And suddenly we are standing here, Come Together Projekt, Cologne, Germany

2010

Hug me, Heimlich, Rheinlandhalle, Cologne, Germany

2009

18. Karlsruher Künstlermesse, Regierungspraesidium Karlsruhe, Germany

2008

Emy-Röder-Preis, ARTRmX, Cologne, Germany  
VOL. I- DER HERR UND SEIN KNECHT FT. CLEMENTE, L'Aristokrassie, Cologne, Germany  
Art Fair 21, Glanzkinder Gallery, Cologne, Germany

2007

Albert-Haueisen-Preis, Zehnhaus Jockrim, Germersheim, Germany

2006

Zehnhaus Jockrim, Landkreis Germersheim, Germany

2005

Emy-Röder-Preis, Kunstverein Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany  
Albert-Haueisen-Preis, Zehnhaus Jockrim, Germersheim, Germany

2004

Junge Künstler in der Villa, Kunstverein, Neustadt/Weinstraße, Germany